



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3743**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: LeNoir E. Zaiser et al. Examiner: Teena Kay Mitchell  
Serial No.: 10/715,031 Group Art Unit: 3743  
Filed: November 17, 2003 Docket No.: 2173.1004-003  
Title: Interlock System for Gas Flow Device

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2005.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from December 16, 2005 to February 16, 2006.

Please amend the application as follows:

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